

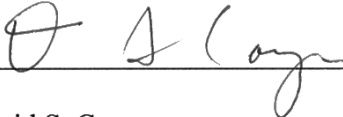
with new appointed counsel. The Court further advised him that he needs to decide whether to accept the plea offer or prepare for trial.

“Because the right to choose counsel is not absolute, it necessarily follows that a defendant does not have an absolute right to substitution of counsel. As a general rule, a defendant must show good cause in requesting a new appointed lawyer.” United States v. Mullen, 32 F.3d 891, 895 (4th Cir. 1994). The Court does not find good cause to remove Mr. Gsell as appointed counsel.

The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to defense counsel, the U.S. Attorney, and to the Honorable Max O. Cogburn, Jr.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: April 21, 2021



David S. Cayer
United States Magistrate Judge

